

a² 4. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein at least one of the putting indicia identifies a convergence band identifying a region within which putted golf balls will travel to a common terminal location, wherein the convergence band is bounded by a pair of putting indicia in the form of lines along which a putted golf ball will travel to the common terminal location, and wherein the convergence band further includes a surface extending between the pair of putting indicia in the form of lines.

SUB B² 7 5. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein each path is determined by measuring the trajectory of a golf ball propelled along the green by a method other than manually putting the golf ball along the green.

6. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of putting indicia identifies a path along which a golf ball will travel when putted on the green, and wherein each path includes end points beyond which the golf ball will deviate from a linear extension of the path.

a³ 8. (Amended) The device of claim [1]7, wherein the device further includes an indicator of the speed of the green when the plurality of putting indicia were measured.

a⁴ SUB B³ 7 13. (Amended) A putting improvement device for a golf course having golf holes with greens, the device comprising:

a booklet containing representations of each of the greens, each representation corresponding to a respective one of the greens and including:

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elevation indicia depicting the topographical profile of the
corresponding green; and

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a plurality of putting benchmarks disposed on the
representation and identifying predetermined, non-estimated paths along which a
golf ball will travel when putted on the corresponding green.

14. (Amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the putting
benchmarks are determined from measured paths of travel of one or[e] more golf
balls along the green.

15. (Amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the putting
benchmarks include end points beyond which a golf ball will deviate from a linear
extension of the path identified by the corresponding benchmark.

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24. (Amended) A method for improving putting on a green,
comprising:

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determining a plurality of paths on the green along which a golf ball
will travel when putted, wherein the plurality of paths are determined at least in
part by a method other than manually putting a golf ball across the green;

creating a topographical representation of the green; and
projecting the plurality of fixed paths on the topographical
representation to form a putting improvement device.

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B 28. (Amended) The method of claim ¹⁹24, wherein the
determining step includes propelling a golf ball along the green and studying the

a6 path of the ball to determine if the path meets selected criteria, and further wherein the selected criteria include a straight path of travel.

b3 30. (Amended) The method of claim ²³28, wherein the determining step further includes repeating the propelling and studying steps with a golf ball propelled along the path with a different force if the path fails to meet the selected criteria.

a7 29 31. (Amended) The method of claim ²³28, wherein the determining step further includes repeating the propelling and studying steps with a golf ball propelled along the path with greater force to determine terminal positions beyond which the path of the golf ball will fail to meet the selected criteria.

Please add the following new claims:

a8 27 32. The method of claim ²³28, wherein the determining step includes repeating the propelling and studying steps in a different direction along the path to determine if the path meets the selected criteria in the different direction.

33. A putting improvement device constructed according to the method of claim ²⁷32.

34. A putting improvement device constructed according to the method of claim ²³28.

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35. A putting improvement device, comprising:
a representation of a green; and
a plurality of putting indicia on the representation, wherein each of the putting indicia identifies a determined path along which a golf ball will travel when putted on the green, and further wherein the putting indicia identify determined paths along which a golf ball will travel when putted on the green, regardless of the direction at which the golf ball is putted along the path.

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36. A putting improvement device, comprising:
a representation of a green; and
a plurality of putting indicia on the representation, wherein each of the putting indicia identifies a determined path along which a golf ball will travel when putted on the green, and further wherein each of the putting indicia identifies a determined path along which a golf ball will travel when putted on the green, regardless of the position of the golf ball on the path when the ball is putted along the path.

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37. A method for improving putting on a green, comprising:
determining a plurality of paths on the green along which a golf ball will travel when putted, wherein determining each of the plurality of paths includes measuring a path of a golf ball on the green to create a measured path and verifying the measured path of the golf ball by repeating the determining step along the measured path to create a fixed path if the ball travels again along the measured path;

creating a topographical representation of the green; and
projecting the plurality of fixed paths on the topographical
representation to form a putting improvement device.

³38. The method of claim ³²37, wherein the method further includes
repeating the determining, creating and projecting steps for a plurality of greens.

³⁴39. A putting improvement device constructed according to the
method of claim ³²37.

³⁵40. A putting improvement device constructed according to the
method of claim ³³38.

³⁶41. A putting improvement device, comprising:
a representation of a green; and
a plurality of putting indicia on the representation, wherein each of
the putting indicia identifies a determined path along which a golf ball will travel
when putted on the green, and further wherein each of the paths is determined by a
method other than manually putting a golf ball along the green.

³⁷42. The putting improvement device of claim ³⁴41, wherein the
plurality of indicia are determined at least in part from data points obtained using
surveying equipment.

³⁸43. The putting improvement device of claim ³⁶41, wherein each of
the paths is determined by urging a golf ball along the green using a selected
reproducible amount of force.--